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1. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES KNIGHTON AND BROWN WOULD NOT BE ONES TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON PROPOSAL SET FORTH STATE 50371, AND THAT DECISION- MAKING LEVEL IN DTI MIGHT SEE IN THIS PROPOSAL A MEANS OF TRADING OFF SOME MINI- ISSUES. PURELY AS AN EXAMPLE, AND WITHOUT ADDRESSING ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO US, DTI MIGHT SEE POSSIBILITY SETTling TURKS AND CAICOS ROUTE QUESTION AT SAME TIME.

2. NEVERTHELESS, WE APPRECIATE THAT DTI WILL NOT ACCEPT UNILATERAL CONCESSION ON ROUTE 5 QUESTION AT THIS TIME FOR PRECISELY SAME REASON US WOULD NOT ACCEPT TRADE- OFF AT THIS TIME. IN EFFECT, QUESTION BECOMES MOOT FOR BOTH SIDES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PANAM MIGHT PROPOSE REINSTITUTE DIRECT CONNECTION SERVICE.

3. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT EMBASSY ORALLY (NOTHING ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT HAS YET BEEN PUT IN WRITING BY EITHER SIDE IN DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS) ADVISE WORKING LEVEL DTI THAT PANAM SUSPENDING DIRECT CONNECTION FOR ITS OWN COMMERCIAL REASONS BUT THAT THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO US POSITION ON ISSUE.

4. EMBASSY MIGHT, HOWEVER, AT LATER DATE FIND OCCASION SUGGEST INFORMALLY TO DECISION- MAKING LEVEL IN DTI (E. G. HUBBACK) THAT WAY OUT OF THIS ISSUE, SHOULD IT ARISE IN FUTURE, MIGHT BE TO SEE WHETHER TWO SIDES COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON BASIS ITS ECONOMIC ASPECTS, I. E. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO WHETHER IT IS OR IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH PROVISIONS AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT. THIS APPROACH WOULD IMPLY POSSIBILITY OF A TRADE OFF IN FUTURE, WITHOUT COMMITTING US TO ACCEPT ONE, AND SHOULD ALSO SERVE TO KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR FUTURE. ROGERS

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